

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1285 – SB 1358

March 12, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires all driver education courses to include instruction on the dangers of using hand-held phones and other devices to transmit or receive a written message. Requires students to be instructed that such behavior while driving is a crime and apprised of the penalty for doing so.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014307): Deletes all language of the original bill. Creates a secondary exemption authorization process from the Postsecondary Education Authorization Act of 1974 for institutions operating solely as an auction school, barber school, school of cosmetology, or school of electrology. Such institutions that have their exemption authorization, which is initially issued by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, denied by the United States Department of Education for financial aid purposes may seek exemption through the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC). The act shall expire on June 30, 2015, after which the provisions codified in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-7-2004(a)(7) that were effect prior to this act shall be revived and go back into effect.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information received from THEC, the number of exemptions that will be issued by THEC is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures for THEC to issue exemption authorizations is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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